

2012 TWENTY-THIRD PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR - OVERVIEW

Robert Monroe, in *Far Journeys* (1985), describes his profound experience of being shown "*The Gathering*," a convergence of intelligent entities surrounding and focusing fixedly on Earth. Bob is told:

It is what we call the gathering. These have manifested from nearby energy systems only to witness ... [What] is about to occur is actually a very rare event---the conflux of several different and intense energy fields arriving at the same point in your time-space. It is this rarity that has attracted so much attention ... the gathering is here to observe the possible birth of a new energy.



Last week a dynamic group of enthusiastic, highly skilled, and deeply motivated Professional members met for the twenty-third Professional Seminar at The Monroe Institute to contribute, experience, collaborate, and transform. This they did in spades.

TMI and the Professional Division (PD) are in a state of transition. A confluence of circumstances is occurring, creating opportunities for significant shifts within the Institute and the PD.

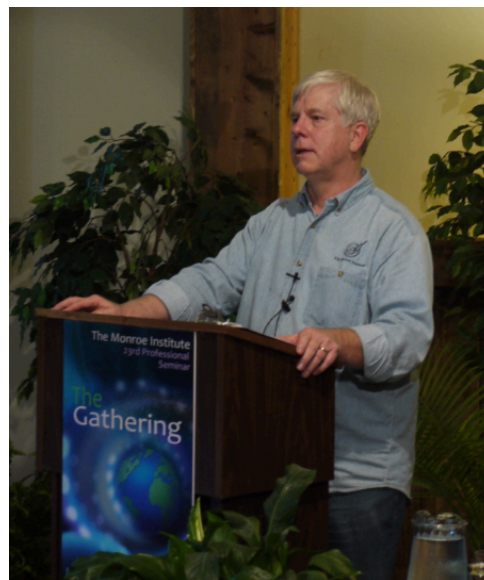
Reflecting on Bob's experience and engaging "The Gathering" as the theme, the mission of the 2012 Professional Seminar was to serve as an agent of positive change, that change being the reformation and redesign of the Professional Division as a companion organization to TMI with its own leadership structure and a greater self-direction. The intent and focus were on envisioning and designing a new model, a new paradigm, for TMI's professional community.



Central to the program was the two-day process specifically designed to support the PD's restructuring mechanism. Powerful Hemi-Sync® supported sessions organized by Allyn Evans and Albert Bellg facilitated the process, concluding with working groups' declared action plans. The forward momentum is strong.

Keynote Claude Swanson spoke on the Out-of-Body state and compared it to related phenomena. The empirical evidence and the scientific model suggest how consciousness may be integrated into modern physics, and along the way help begin an understanding of the true nature of the soul.





In addition, members were fascinated by futurist John Petersen, inspired by Carol de la Herran's "state of the institute" address, informed by a technical overview of the new Spatial Angle Modulation (SAM) technology, and guided by Skip Atwater into deep personal exploration of it.

Members heard from an international panel regarding outstanding PD activities world wide, were moved by a tribute to senior members Jill and Ronald “Russ” Russell, given a tour of the newly created TMI website by developer Karen Newell, and excited to hear from Eben Alexander, TMI’s just-appointed research director.

The Seminar concluded with an evening of food, music, fellowship, and celebration at the Roberts Mountain Retreat center.





The Professional Division has been at the heart of The Monroe Institute's research and development efforts for thirty years. Several core members joined the PD at its inception.

The primary task of Professional members has remained the same throughout its existence -- to utilize the Monroe tools and technologies with patients, clients, students, and subjects, and to report on the results of that use to TMI. Three decades of reporting has culminated in a substantial body of work, which has been published through TMI as well as various external

publications. Archival material continues to be a rich source of information for researchers, practitioners, and those augmenting their loved ones' and their own personal wellness practices.

Recently TMI was certified by Continuing Education accrediting agencies based in large part on the volume and quality of work by the Professional Division.

The formal presentations were video recorded and will be posted when editing is complete. Watch for the notice.